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PART 62—NATIONAL NATURAL LANDMARKS PROGRAM

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§ 62.1 Purpose.

The purpose of these procedures is to set forth the processes and criteria used to identify, study, designate, recognize, and monitor national natural landmarks. The purpose of the natural

landmarks program is to identify and encourage the preservation of nationally significant examples of the full range of ecological and geological features that constitute the nation's natural heritage.

§ 62.2 Definitions.

National Natural Landmark means an area of national significance located within the boundaries of the United States or on the Outer Continental Shelf designated by the Secretary of the Interior that contains an outstanding representative example(s) of the nation's natural heritage, including terrestrial communities, aquatic communities, landforms, geological features, habitats of native plant and animal species, or fossil evidence of the development of life on earth.

National Registry of Natural Landmarks means the official listing of all national natural landmarks.

National Significance denotes a site which exemplifies one of a natural region's characteristic biotic or geologic features which has been evaluated, using Department of Interior standards, as one of the best examples of that feature known.

Natural Region means a distinct geographic province having similar geologic history, structures, and landforms. The basic physiographic characteristics of a natural region influence its vegetation, climate, soils, and animal life. The 33 natural regions of the United States, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Pacific Trust Territories used in the natural landmarks program are based largely on Fenneman's "Physiographic Divisions of the United States" (1928). Examples include the Atlantic Coastal Plain, Great Basin, and Brooks Range natural regions.

Owner means the individual(s) or organization(s) of record that own private land, or the head of the public agency, or subordinate employee of the public agency to whom such authority has been delegated, responsible for administering public land.

Secretary means the Secretary of the Interior or the designee authorized to